

STRANDING OF THE BELGIC.

Captain Walker Reprimanded for Error of Judgment.

Captain W. H. Walker, who was in command of the steamship Belgic when she went ashore on the beach at Sunosaki on September 8th, escapes with a severe reprimand. The court of inquiry was held at Yokohama on Monday, October 21. J. C. Hall, British Consul, presided, and the following sat with him as assessors: Captain E. Street, steamship Ravenna; Captain W. A. Evans, steamship Monmouthshire, and Captain R. Macgregor, steamship Guildhall. Captain Walker's explanation to them was that he mistook Mela head for Sunosaki, and he was merely declared guilty of an error of judgment.

G. T. Tiltson, the first officer, swore that the captain seemed sober when he saw him last just before the accident, but refused to swear that he regarded him as a sober person. He said he had remonstrated with him many times about drinking. He was afraid the captain did get full after the disaster. J. F. Lowder, who defended Captain Walker, gave the chief a sharp cross-examination, and brought out the fact that the relations of mate and master were not pleasant. The evidence of the other officers failed to sustain the charge of drunkenness.

BAD PLACE FOR HUSBANDS.

Held Responsible for the Utterances of Their Wives.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 5.—A decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court today indicates that Minnesota husbands with hot-tempered wives will either have to keep them at home or send them out calling muzzled. The decision is in the case of William Pett Morgan against Esther Kennedy et al. and William Kennedy, her husband. The court holds that the common law rule making the husband liable for damages for slanderous words uttered by the wife, even though he was not present and had not participated, is not abrogated by any of the statutes relating to marriages, but still holds good. The court finds that the words used by Mrs. Kennedy against Morgan, "he has been drunk throughout Thanksgiving week," involve moral turpitude on the plaintiff's part, as well as charging him with the commission of an indictable offense.

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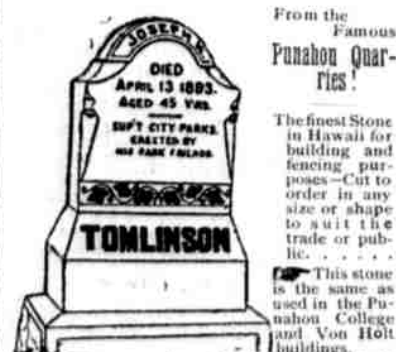
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